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SILVERMAN ET AL.

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In accordance with Applicants' duty of disclosure, the enclosed information is submitted to the United States Patent and Trademark Office in connection with the above-identified application. The information is identified on the attached PTO Form-1449..

This application relies, under 35 U.S.C. §120, on the earlier filing dates of prior U.S. Application Serial No. 08/475,499 filed on June 7, 1995. The references identified on the attached Form PTO 1449 were submitted to and/or cited by the Patent and Trademark Office in this prior application and, therefore, copies are not required to be provided in this application. See 37 C.F.R. Section 1.98(d).

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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner fully consider each of the documents, initial the enclosed Form PTO-1449 in the appropriate place to indicate that the document has been considered, and return a copy of the initialed form to the undersigned in accordance with MPEP Section 609.

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